

## House Resolution No. 772

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem Show-Me State couples whose lives and marriage were spent in improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Mary Jane Phillips and her beloved husband, the late Bennie Phillips, will be given well-deserved honors and accolades on March 1, 2008, when a Mass and a Room Dedication will be held at Central Catholic Saint Nicholas School and Academy in Saint Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Bennie Phillips and the former Mary Jane Davis met in 1947 when Bennie was working for the American Refrigerated Transit Railroad Company and Mary Jane was a student at Stowe Teacher's College; and

**Whereas**, married in July 1948, Bennie and Mary Jane Phillips were blessed with ten children, Benjamin, Jo Ann, Lionel, Gail, Rodney, Jerome, Paulette, Michelle, Catherine, and Constance, whom they loving reared with a Catholic education obtained from Saint Bridget of Erin elementary school and a variety of Catholic high schools; and

**Whereas**, although most of their children continued their education at notable Catholic and public colleges, Bennie and Mary Jane Phillips also experienced the sad loss of two of their children to early deaths; and

**Whereas**, Mary Jane Phillips was a church secretary and member of the Saint Louis Archdiocese Human Rights Commission for many years; helped plan the March on Salem protest; taught at Carr Lane, Marshall, and Saint Bridget of Erin grade schools; and served as Head Teacher, Curriculum Writer, and City Coordinator for the Central Regional Educational Laboratories of Washington University; and

**Whereas**, prior to his death in 1997, Bennie Phillips was closely associated with the Saint Louis Area Food Bank, financed and raised several gardens that were used to feed needy people in the region, and developed an excellent reputation as an outdoorsman, tireless worker, and stranger to nobody:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Bennie and Mary Jane Phillips for special honors from the Central Catholic Saint Nicholas School and Academy and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Mass and Room Dedication ceremony on March 1, 2008; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Bennie and Mary Jane Phillips of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Robin Wright Jones  
District No. 63

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 772, adopted February 21, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker